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Interview Summary

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Sir:

This communication responds to the Interview Summary mailed on June 6, 2003 by the prior examiner in this case, Examiner DeCloux. The Summary is directed to a telephonic interview apparently held between Examiner DeCloux and applicants' representative Steven Yoder, but does not indicate when the interview was held.

The Summary states that applicants are required to provide a statement of the substance of the interview by July 6, 2003, or include such a statement in a reply to the "last office action." The last office action in the case was mailed November 19, 2002 (Paper No. 33), and a response was filed on May 19, 2003.

Steven Yoder resigned from this firm in May, 2003, prior to issuance of the Interview Summary and, accordingly, applicants' cannot provide a detailed summary of the substance of the interview. Examiner DeCloux also apparently has resigned from the

Patent and Trademark Office. However, the Interview Summary mailed June 6, 2003 states that the interview was directed to "how to overcome art, specifically WO92/01787." This PCT application was discussed extensively in the response filed May 19, 2003, and therefore it appears that the substance of the interview is reflected in the May 19 response.

The undersigned discussed this situation with Examiner Anthony Caputa on July 1, 2003, and the contents of this response reflect the discussion with Examiner Caputa.

Conclusion:

In view of the May 19 response, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw each rejection and pass the claims to allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve any issues, in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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